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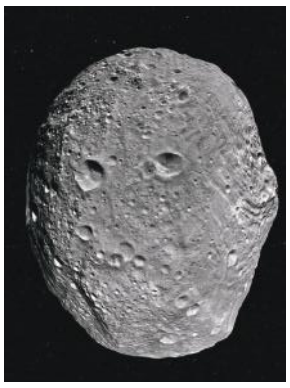

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Encino Tarzana Library to Host Book Sale this Weekend

The Friends of the Library will hold a children and young adult book sale at the Encino Tarzana Library on Friday, May 2, from 1 to 5 pm and Saturday, May 3, from 10 am to 1 pm. All books are $1 or $2, unless otherwise marked. The Encino Tarzana Library is located at 18231 W Ventura Blvd. in Tarzana.

Assemblymember Gabriel's Day of Service this Sunday

Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel will be hosting his annual Day of Service on Sunday, May 4, starting at 9:30 am at Pierce College. The office will be partnering with dozens of community groups and nonprofits to assist with service projects around the San Fernando Valley. Volunteers have several options in giving back including assemblying homeless outreach kits, creating no-sew blankets with Haven Hills for survivors of domestic violence, donating blood with City of Hope, learning CPR with the American Red Cross, sending letters to service members overseas with Operation Gratitude, crafting letters for seniors that are part of ONEgeneration's programming, making sandwiches for the unhoused, or even possibly adopting a rescue animal from Foxy & the Hounds. For more details, and to register to volunteer, visit bit.ly/AJGVDS25.

ONEgeneration's Spring Festival Saturday, May 3

The Parent Association Committee will be holding their annual Spring Festival on Saturday, May 3, from 10 am to 2 pm at ONEgeneration (17400 Victory Blvd). There will be a petting zoo, pony rides, bounce houses, train rides, bubbles, a live DJ and more. The cost is $25 per adult, $18 per senior, $15 per child and $10 per infant. One hundred percent of ticket sales go directly to ONEgeneration's Parent Association Committee. To purchase, visit zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2025-pac-spring-festival-3.

Latest Home Invasion Leads to Murder

Another home invasion robbery shocked residents in the quiet neighborhood surrounding Woodland Hills Elementary - because this attack led to murder.

Early Saturday morning three men broke into the home of Aleksandre Modebadze in the 22000 block of De La Osa Street, held him captive and assaulted him. The beating led to a head injury and ultimately his death.

The victim was declared dead at the scene and the incident is being investigated as suspicious. Police found that Modebadze's surveillance cameras had been removed and that the suspects removed undisclosed objects from the home.

The LAPD and FBI were able to track down the suspects and arrest them later that day, one suspect hiding the Sepulveda Basin area. Paata Kochyashvili, 38, Zaza Otarashvili, 46, and Besiki Khutsishvili, 52, were all charged with murder, along with a special circumstance allegation of murder during a robbery.

No motive has been given for the attack. There is some supposition that this home invasion was not a random attack as all men appeared to be of Russian descent.

This incident follows a string of home invasions that continue to occur in the Valley. While the majority have been non-violent, it is clear that the theives are becoming more brazen. Multiple reports on Nextdoor lately have detailed attempted home invasions where the house lights were clearly on and homeowners' cars were in the driveway. One Encino resident was even inside his home last week when he saw theives on his security cameras mid-day attempting to break in and was able to scare them off.

While security measures are the first point of prevention, police continue to stress the importance of having a neighborhood watch program of sorts. Get to know your neighbors, keep communication open between residents and alert the community when an incident occurs.

Asian Pacific Islander Festival Dances Into Valley May 10

The West Valley Warner Center Chamber of Commerce's fourth annual Valley Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Festival will be held on Saturday, May 10 at Pierce College.

The event from 11 am to 5 pm will celebrate art and culture with traditional food, music, dance and art.

There will be special dance, martial arts and other performances from Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese, Korean, Pacific Islander, and Filipino artists.

In addition there will be a shopping market set up with a variety of vendors, children's activities, live music, delicious food and preparedness information.

The event is sponsored by Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, the Gaspar family, Councilmember John Lee, Supervisor Lindsey Horvath and the Southern California Preparedness Foundation.

This free community event will take place at Rocky Young Park on the Pierce College Campus (6201 Winnetka Ave., Woodland Hills).

For more information on the event, visit woodlandhillscc.net or call the West Valley Warner Center Chamber of Commerce at (818) 347-4737.

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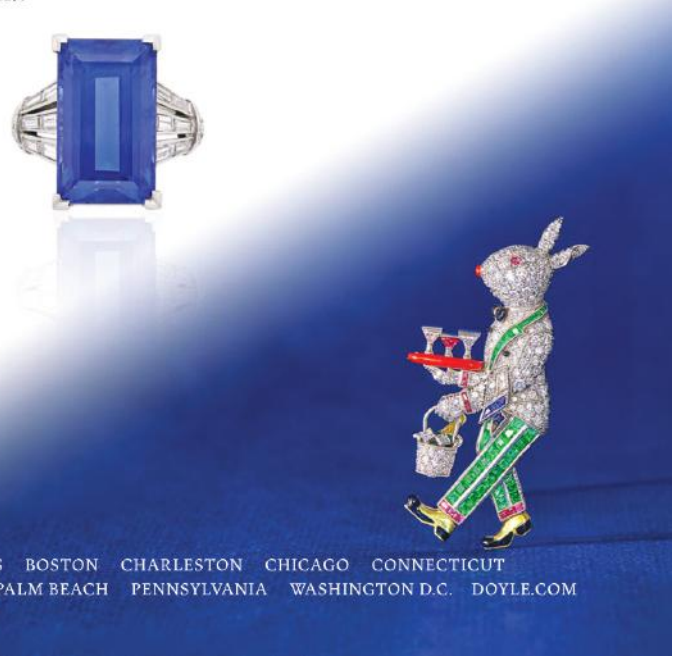

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Community Calendar

* The Encino Neighborhood Council will be holding their Outreach Committee meeting on Monday, May 5, at 7 pm. For the agenda and Zoom link, visit encinonc.org.

* ONEgeneration's Encino Farmer's Market will hold a special Spring Boutique on Sunday, May 4, from 8 am to 1 pm. It's the perfect time to grab a gift for Mother's Day as select vendors will be selling candles, jewelry, soaps and more unique gifts.

* "Birdathon," the major annual fundraising event for the San Fernando Valley Audubon Society (SFVAS) will take place Sunday, May 4, at 8 am for the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve. The Audubon Society will have a dedicated team of leaders who will ask for pledges of support based on the number of bird species they can spot during a single day's outing at popular birding destinations throughout Southern California. As a team member, you help not only by making pledges but also by joining the event to increase the numbers of birds spotted. For more details on how to join, or make a pledge, visit sfvaudubon.org/event/birdathon-2025-sepulveda-basin-wildlife-reserve.

* Westfield Fashion Square, in partnership with the American Red Cross, will hold a blood drive on Thursday, May 15, from 10 am to 4 pm. The event will be held in the community room in the parking lot near Macy's. To schedule your appointment, visit redcrossblood.org.

* The West Valley Regional Library will be holding their Mystery Book Club on Wednesday, May 14, from 10:30 am to 12 pm. The selected book to be discussed for the month of May is *Case Histories* by Kate Atkinson.

* Moving into a smaller home? Organizing your life? Doyle Auctioneers and Appraisers is holding special Encino consignment days in the next few weeks. Doyle is one of the world's foremost auctioneers and appraisers of fine art, jewelry, furniture, decorations, coins, Asian works of art and a variety of collectible items. Their specialists are traveling throughout the Valley collecting jewelry, watches, handbags, fine art, silver, coins and more for auction consignment, outright purchase or private sale. Interested parties should contact Emily Marchick, G.G. for information and appointments at (310) 276-6616 or doylela@doyle.com.

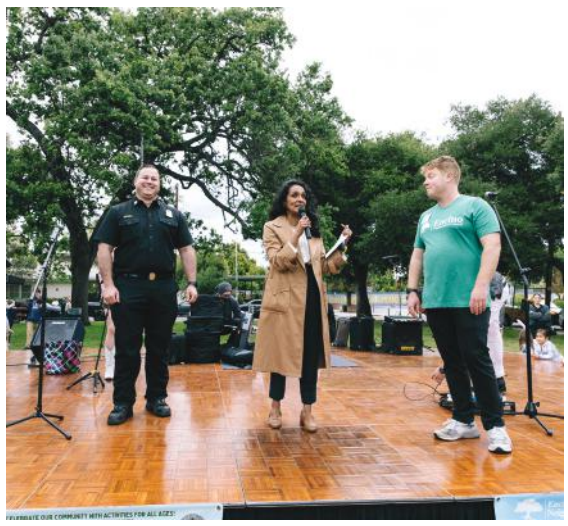
* The Sherman Oaks Encino Chamber of Commerce will be holding their next Mix & Mingle on Tuesday, May 27, from 5:30 to 7 pm at Buvette (15005 Ventura Blvd). Make new business connections over lite bites and a no host bar. The cost is $20 for members and $30 for non-members. RSVP at shermanoaksencinochamber.org.

* The fourth annual Valley Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Festival will take place on Saturday, May 10, from 11 am to 5 pm at Pierce College (20498 Victory Blvd). Celebrate with an Asian food festival, kids activities, dance, a shopping market, fashion, live music and more!

* Does your student need a little extra help understanding their homework? The Encino Tarzana Library holds "Homework Help" Mondays through Thursdays, from 3 to 6 pm. Visit their Student Zone after school where assistance and supplies are on offer. They also have a dedicated section of computers specifically for teens and children to use.

* The Tarzana Community and Cultural Center will be offering gardening workshops for children ages four to 11 this summer. Kids will learn how to grown their own organic produce, the critters essential to maintain a healthy garden and have the opportunity to both garden and paint. All participants will also take home a plant to continue what they've learned at home. Classes kick off on Thursday, July 3 and run every Thursday in July, from 9 to 11:45 am. There is a $5 fee per child, per class. Sign up at mytarzana.org.

Snaps from Encino Fest!



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English Channel

By Rodger Sterling

English Channel offers the best of the late editor Rodger Sterling's columns that ran continuously in the local papers since 1968.

*Remember if you lose a sock in the dryer it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.

* I am the beginning of the end, the end of every place. I am the beginning of eternity and the end of time and space. What am I? (answer below).

*Today at the bank, an old lady asked me to check her balance...so I pushed her over.

*Our old pal Brit Humes tells the yuck-yuck that when the police pulled her over, and the officer came up to the window and said "papers?" she said "scissors, I win!" The cop wasn't amused...

* The other day I bought a thesaurus, but when I got home and opened it, all the pages were blank...I have no words to describe how angry I am.

* A woman walks into a library and asks if they have any books about paranoia. The librarian says, "They're right behind you!"

* I've got this awful disease where I can't stop telling airport jokes. The doctor says it's terminal.

*The answer to the riddle above...is the letter e!

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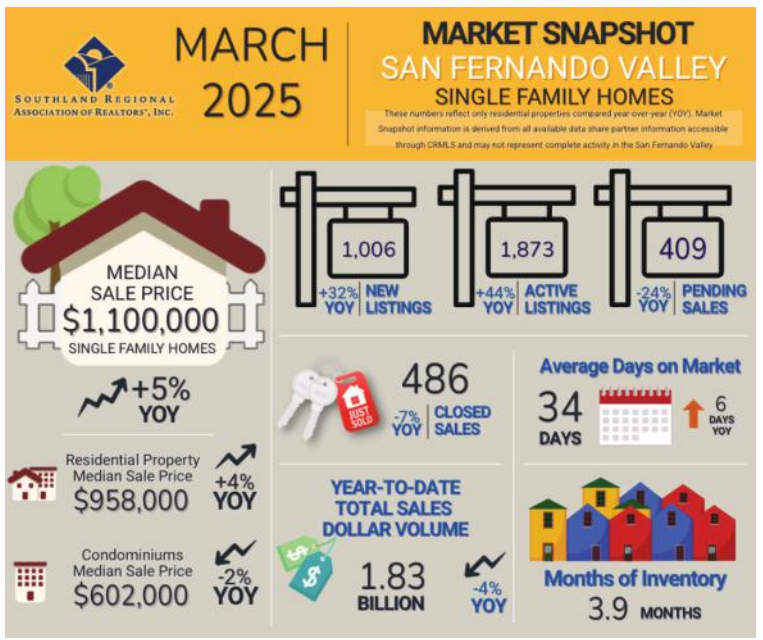

The number of homes and condominiums listed for sale in the San Fernando Valley during the first three months of 2025 jumped higher than any year since 2019 while closed escrows declined slightly and prices of homes that changed owners in March continued to rise, the Southland Regional Association of REALTORS® reported recently.

The association reported 1,873 active single-family home listings on its Multiple Listing Service plus 533 condominiums. Active home listings in March were up 43.6% over a year ago and came in higher than any month since October 2022. Condominium active listings at 533 were up 40.3% over a year ago.

At its current trajectory, home listings are on pace to equal the total reported in 2019, just as the Covid pandemic gripped the nation. The initial three months of 2025 have posted combined home and condominium listing numbers that have not been seen since 2011.

"Local, state and national residential real estate markets are gaining momentum with the arrival of spring, yet market conditions remain murky due to the lingering impact of local wildfire tragedies in January and uncertainty over the direction of the national economy," said Anthony Bedgood, President of the 10,000-member Southland Regional Association of REALTORS®.

"Continuing increases in home and condo listings suggest busy days ahead and provide an abundance of choices for prospective buyers and benefits for sellers," Bedgood said. "The robust growth in listings is a reassuring sign for the market and an opportunity especially for buyers."

The median price of homes that changed owners last month came in at $1.1 million, up 6.0% from a year ago, but below the record high $1.14 million first set in July and repeated this January. The condominium median price – meaning half the March sales had a higher price and half a lower price – was $602,000, down 2.1% from March 2024. The condominium record high $660,000 was set in July.

"A rise in active listings also translates into an increase in the months of inventory at the current pace of sales and the time each listing stays on the MLS before finding a buyer," said Valerie Biletsky, SRAR's Chief Executive Officer. "Both categories are on the rise."

The 3.9-month inventory at the current pace of sales reported this March was closer to the 38-year average of 5.3 months, according to association statistics. That span saw the supply rise to 9.8 months in 2007 with the peak at a 16.5-month supply reported in 1992 — both periods of high inventory emerged because of deep national economic recessions. Over the last five years, the inventory has hovered at an average 2.6-month supply.

The association reported 486 homes closed escrows in March, down 7% from a year ago, while 138 condominiums changed owners, down 4%.

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SRAR's Income-to-Loan guide for January found that an income of $292,065 was needed to qualify for an 80% loan of $880,000 on a San Fernando Valley median-priced single-family home of $1.1 million. With the median price up and the national average interest rate at 6.92%, the income needed to qualify was up 7.1%. The monthly PITI — principal, interest, taxes and insurance payments — totaled $7,302.

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Legal Considerations When Selling Your Business

by Janice L. Miller, Esq

Selling a business is a complex process requiring careful legal, financial, tax and operational planning. To navigate this journey successfully, here are a few legal considerations when selling your business.

1. Asset Sale vs. Stock Sale

The structure of the transaction sets the foundation for the entire sale process. Sellers and buyers must decide whether the deal will be an asset sale or a stock sale (equity sale)—each with its implications for taxation, liability, and business continuity

In an asset sale, the buyer acquires selected assets and assumes certain liabilities, while the seller retains ownership of the legal entity. This lets buyers cherry-pick desirable assets and minimize exposure to potential unknown liabilities. However, sellers may face double taxation in asset sales if the business is a C corporation. The entity is taxed on the sale of its assets, and shareholders are taxed again when proceeds are distributed. Buyers have the advantage of greater control over which assets and liabilities to assume and reduced risk of inheriting unknown liabilities.

A stock sale transfers ownership of the company's shares or membership interests, allowing the buyer to acquire the entire entity with all its assets and liabilities. Stock sales tend to be more advantageous for sellers, as they generally result in capital gains treatment and limit post-sale tax exposure. However, buyers may hesitate to pursue stock deals due to the risk of inheriting hidden liabilities. Sellers have the advantage of capital gains treatment (lower tax rate) and simpler transfer of business continuity.

2. Due Diligence

Due diligence is where the buyer investigates every aspect of the business to assess its value, risks, and compliance history. Sellers should conduct pre-sale due diligence to identify and address potential red flags before they become deal breakers. These include corporate governance, financial records, contracts and agreements, intellectual property (IP), and regulatory compliance.

3. Valuation and Purchase Price Allocation

Determining the right valuation is necessary, as it affects the purchase price and how it's allocated among the business' assets. Purchase price allocation (PPA) can impact tax liabilities for both buyers and sellers. These include earnings multiples, asset-based valuation, and discounted cash flow (DCF). IRS regulations require buyers and sellers to allocate the purchase price across different asset classes, including tangible assets, goodwill, and non-compete agreements. Improper allocation can lead to audits and penalties.

4. Employee and Stakeholder Considerations

The sale of a business impacts employees, key executives, and stakeholders in multiple ways. Failure to address their interests can lead to operational disruption, reputational damage, and even litigation. Review existing employment agreements to identify change-of-control clauses that may trigger severance payments, stock option acceleration, or termination rights.

Buyers often require sellers to sign non-compete and non-solicitation agreements to prevent them from starting a competing business or poaching clients post-sale. Courts may enforce these agreements if they are reasonable in scope, duration, and geography but there is a general disfavor for non-compete and non-solicitation clauses.

5. Negotiating the Purchase Agreement

The purchase agreement is the definitive document that governs the terms of the sale and protects the interests of both parties. This includes representations and warranties, indemnification provisions, and earnouts and contingent payments.

6. Regulatory and Compliance Considerations

Regulatory compliance is important, especially in finance, healthcare, and telecommunications. For larger transactions, compliance with the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act (HSR Act) is mandatory to prevent anti-competitive practices. Failure to comply can result in substantial fines and delays.

7. Post-Closing Obligations and Transition Planning

Even after closing, sellers may have ongoing obligations, such as Transition Services Agreements (TSAs), escrow arrangements, and non-compete agreements. TSAs ensure operational continuity by allowing the seller to provide support during the handover period.

Selling your business is a multi-layered process requiring strategic legal guidance. By proactively addressing these legal considerations, sellers can maximize the value of their business while minimizing post-sale risks. *Disclaimer: This article is not meant as legal advice. It is solely for educational purposes.*

BUSINESS

Classic Chevy Car Show to Benefit Boys Home

Men and their cars... in this case men and their classic cars and getting them together for a worthy cause!

Classic Chevys of Southern California, based here in the valley, will hold their 42nd annual car show on Sunday, May 4 in Chatsworth.

The annual event brings classic car lovers together from all over Southern California to showcase their classic cars, models, hot rods, vintage autos and more.

The event includes the car show, a silent auction, vendors, food served all day and awards for the top cars.

Major sponsors include Rydell Chevrolet and Monty's Steakhouse.

All proceeds from the day's event benefit Rancho San Antonio Boys Home, which has been offering trauma-informed therapy to children and families since 1933.

The car show will be held on the grounds of the rancho at 21000 Plummer Street. The show itself runs from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm with the awards show at 2 pm.

Classic Chevys of Southern California was founded in 1975 by Steve Kershuk, who got together a group of '55, '56 and '57 Chevy lovers together to form a club. The non-profit now boasts over 100 members. For more information on the club and the upcoming car show visit classicchevysofsocal.com.

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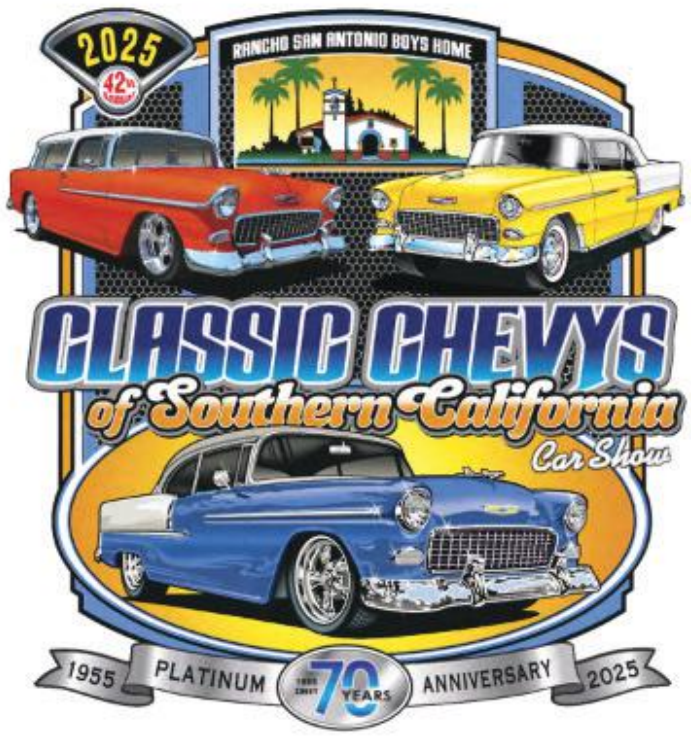

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The festival will showcase over 50 movies from the culturally rich area of East and South-East Europe.

Under the patronage of the honorary chair, Bulgarian-American actress and entertainer Irina Maleeva, the festival highlights stories of resilience and hope, adding a touch of Eastern European flair and humor.

Six of this year's films will screen at Laemmle Encino on Friday, May 2 and Monday, May 5. Those titles include *A Picture to Remember, Soil and Wings, Supermarket, Fakir, The Sky Above Zenica* and *Our Children*. This is a mix of feature films and documentaries.

For the full program line up visit: seefest2025.eventive.org/films. Laemmle Town Center is located at 17200 Ventura Blvd.

Free Seminar on Seniors and Simplifying the Process of Moving

Ask the experts about senior issues on Thursday, May 8, from 10:30 to 11:30 am in a seminar entitled "Simplyfing the Process."

Scott M. Friedman is a Seniors Real Estate Specialist, Short Sale and Foreclosure Resource and Certified Negotiations Specialist and will discuss taking the scary out of senior real estate.

Thomas P. Christopher, Esq., of the Christopher Law Group, will address the importance of having an updated will and trust for seniors.

Michael Resiner, CPA and senior taxation specialist with Resiner Accountancy, will cover saving taxes.

Professional organizer Dina Braverman will discuss simplifying and downsizing.

The event will be held at Ivy Park at Studio City, 4610 Coldwater Canyon. RSVP to (818) 505-8484.

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Friedman and Markus can be reached at (818) 317-2011 or scottmfriedman@yahoo.com.

ONEgeneration's Senior Symposium Set for May 17

ONEgeneration is excited to host its 16th Annual Senior Symposium & Health Fair on Saturday, May 17, from 9 am to 12 pm.

Join them for a morning of exciting vendors and sponsors, health screenings, community

exercises and giveaways. This event is free and open to the general public and those of all ages. Although the Senior Symposium is focused on health and senior care, they encourage families with aging loved ones to attend.

In addition to community resources, health screenings and presentations, there will also be an opportunity to learn about utility bill savings programs. See their ONEgeneration booth at the event to learn about water conservation programs and if you qualify for discounts on your LADWP bills and other utility savings.

Some of the attending organizations include UCLA Health, Health Net, Valley Presbyterian Hospital, Optum, Anthem, California Health Advocates, Paul Davis Insurance Services, Scan Health Plan, Kaiser Permanente, United Healthcare and Brandman Centers Senior Care. Community organizations include the Reseda Neighborhood Council, Encino Neighborhood Council, Tarzana Neighborhood Council, Winnetka Neighborhood Council and Northridge South Neighborhood Council.

The event will be held at ONEgeneration's Senior Enrichment Center (17400 Victory Blvd.) and registration for the event is open at eventbrite.com under search term "ONEgeneration."

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FDA Recall Lists Tons of Medicine from Generic Drug Company

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently recalled almost 40 different kinds of generic medications, all manufactured by Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Medications included in the recall combat everything from high cholesterol to high blood pressure, atrial fibrillation to seizures, headaches to allergies. The FDA recalled these generic medications because they deviated from "current good manufacturing practice." According to the FDA report, the manufacturing plant in India did not have appropriate measures in place to prevent cross-contamination, was not properly reviewing medication for discrepancies and did not accurately document their testing methods.

While most of these medications were distributed through a prescription, certain lots of Glenmark Pharmaceuticals' acetaminophen and ibuprofen tablets, as well as cetirizine hydrochloride tablets, were distributed by Amazon and Walmart.

All of the recalled medicine falls under the Class II distinction, which the FDA states "may cause temporary or medically reversible adverse health consequences," however, the "probability of serious adverse health consequences is remote."

For a full list of medication that has been recalled, visit accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/ires/index.cfm?Event=96474.

Anyone in possession of medicine on the list is advised to contact their health provider.

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Last Breath is a Deep Sea Drama Worth Watching

By Katie Sterling

It's a horrifying tale made even more ghastly by the fact that the unfolding events are based on a true story. The monster is not your typical villain, but rather the unpredictability of Mother Nature herself. After all, as a saturation diver tasked with fixing pipelines at the bottom of the North Sea, you're at the complete mercy of the ocean. *Last Breath* chronicles the terrifying moment one diver gets stuck underwater for nearly 40 minutes, with only five minutes of oxygen left and a relentless storm wreaking havoc on the crew trying to rescue him.

Saturation diving, warned at the start as being one of the most dangerous professions on Earth, tasks workers with performing repairs on gas pipelines 300 feet below sea level. Rookie Chris (Finn Cole), veteran diver Duncan (Woody Harrelson) and no-nonsense Dave (Simu Liu) have all been called in as the A team to complete the first round of underwater repairs. While the task itself already seems daunting enough, the process of preparing to actually go underwater is quite the ordeal.

To understand how the tragedy will eventually unfold, you first have to understand the mechanics of both preparing for and executing the dive. The trio must first spend days inside a pressurized chamber so that their bodies can acclimate to the eventual conditions underwater.

Once acclimated, the divers make their way into a bell-shaped vessel that will descend from the chamber into the water and allow them to drop to the ocean's floor. Chris and Dave are tethered to the bell by cords that essentially provide them with everything they will need to work underwater: oxygen, communications, power and heat. Duncan, meanwhile, is tasked with staying in the bell, supporting the divers and being the communicator between the divers and the command center on the ship.

Above water, a massive storm has rolled in (of course it has!), causing the ship to lose their dynamic position system (which essentially keeps them anchored) and veering the underwater bell off course. In the haste to get back to safety, Chris' cords get snapped on the equipment and he plummets into the darkness. The screen cuts to black and an oxygen countdown clock begins. Chills.

On the surface, supervisor Craig (Mark Bonnar) is desperately trying to get communications back up and the ship stable so that they can retrieve Chris. As Duncan and Dave sit helplessly in the bell, Chris tries to make his way back to the manifold where he is hopeful Dave will come to rescue him. But as audiences are reminded via text on screen, Chris' oxygen is quickly depleting and with only minutes left, there's no help within sight.

It is without a doubt the most tense moment on screen and the camerawork makes it feel as if the viewer is underwater right alongside the divers. It's claustrophobic, it's anxiety-inducing and it's can't-look-away action. It's a tough subject matter to film accurately and director Alex Parkinson does an exceptional job of making this mission seem as life-like as possible. Not only are the underwater scenes terrifying, but the scenes inside the pressurized chamber only add to the slow-build of claustrophobia that will eventually envelop you.

While terrifying, there are moments of levity peppered in (thanks to the dry wit and delivery expected of Harrelson) and frankly, it's fascinating to see the mechanics of such a high-risk profession. And if a quick Google search is correct, these divers are not being paid quite nearly enough!!

If you love a disaster movie, this is right up your alley. If you love a true story of an ordinary Joe overcoming extreme obstacles, this is your movie. If you absolutely hate the ocean, but are still somehow widely intrigued by cataclysmic disasters that take place in said ocean (*raises hand*), then check this out. *Last Breath* will captivate you from the start, but you might find that while watching, you have to remind yourself to take a few deep ones.

Last Breath is currently streaming on Peacock.

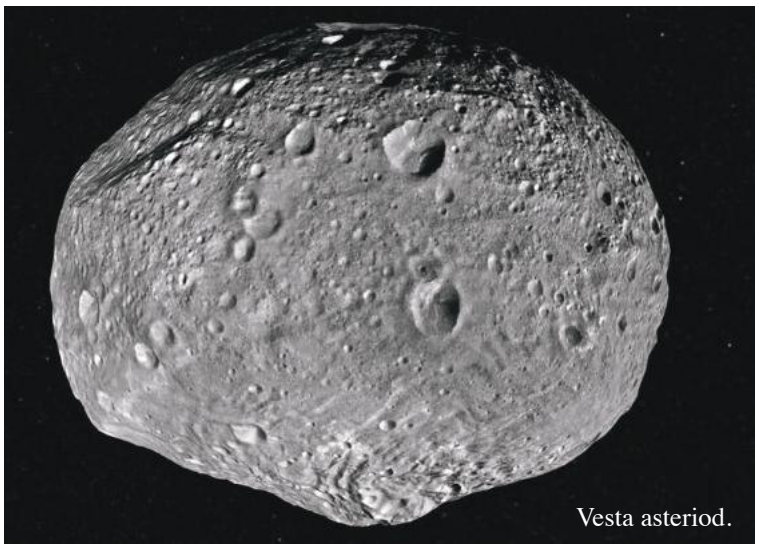
Nighttrek: What to See in the May Sky

By Neil Simmons

The highlight of May is a very rare event starting on Thursday, May 1. The second biggest asteroid, named Vesta, shows up in our night sky. It has a diameter of 326 miles and is one of the brightest asteroids.

Vesta is also "differentiated," meaning it has a crust, mantle, and core, similar to terrestrial planets like Earth. It will be located in the south within the constellation of Libra and then travel through the constellation of Virgo. Binoculars will greatly help to spot Vesta.

Griffith Park Observatory will have its monthly Star Party on Saturday evening, May 3, and will have over 50 telescopes on the front lawn. Many of these will be focused on the Vesta asteroid. This is a FREE event!



Vesta asteriod.

Sunday night, May 4, will bring a beautiful crescent Moon. Look low in the west and it will be next to the planet Jupiter. Enjoy this event as Jupiter will be leaving the night sky in June. Jupiter is the largest planet in our Solar System with 79 known moons. The four largest moons are Europa, Io, Ganymede, and Callisto. Jupiter is composed mainly of hydrogen and helium gases and has no solid surface. Jupiter's visible bands are colder than the rest of the planet.

Monday night, May 5, the Eta Aquarids meteor shower will occur. The best chance to see meteors will be in the early morning hours of May 6, when the Moon is below the horizon. A "fireball" occurs when the meteor is large enough and fast enough to last at least four seconds before burning up in the Earth's atmosphere.

On May 12, the full "Flower Moon" will appear. The Flower Moon is named after the abundant flowers that grow in the Northern Hemisphere in May. The Moon is slowly drifting away from our planet by about 1.5 inches (4 centimeters) per year. While this isn't much, it will cause the Moon to become notably more distant from Earth over millions of years. The Moon is a dusty ball of rock, roughly a quarter of the size of Earth. Its surface is made up of huge craters, large mountains, and flat planes call "seas" which are made up of hardened lava.

Each night in May, look high in the west to spot the constellation Gemini's twin bright stars, Castor and Pollux. Close by the red planet Mars will be visible. At this time, Earth is pulling away from Mars which causes Mars to appear dimmer. Also each night, the giant constellation of Leo the Lion will be straight up.

The Big Dipper, one of our favorite star patterns, will be high in the north. It is part of the Ursa Major Constellation, which is the third largest constellation in the sky. Its brightest star, Alioth, is over 100 times brighter than our Sun.

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The Big Dipper has been used as a navigational tool for centuries as two of its stars function as pointers to the North Star. The North Star, located in the Little Dipper, is the only star in the sky that does not move.

Dawn Patrol: The planet Venus is putting on a show in the early morning from 4:30 am until sunrise. Venus is the second planet from the Sun and is known as Earth's "sister planet" due to similar size and mass. It's rocky, terrestrial and is the hottest planet in our solar system, with a surface temperature hot enough to melt lead. It is the third brightest object in the sky after the Sun and Moon, making it easily visible from Earth.

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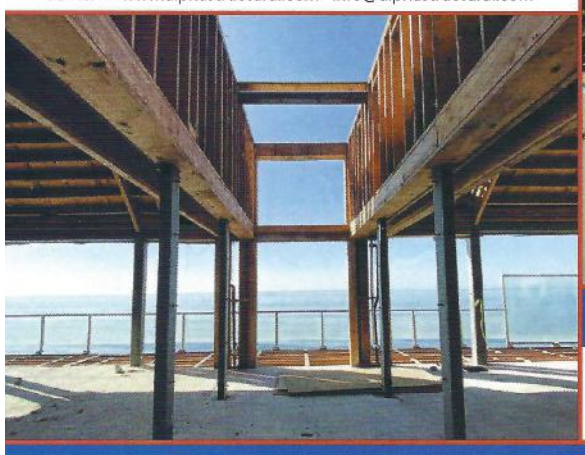

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